

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the top paragraph of page 11 as follows:

cutter body 72, while only a minor portion 94 of the periphery of heater rod 82, on the order of ten to thirty percent, is in contact with the U-shaped structure 88 comprising the pair of spaced heat sealed bars 90. Thus, a greater portion of the heat flowing from heater rod 82 flows into cutter body 72, when compared with the amount of heat that flows into U-shaped body 88 comprising the heat seal dies 90. Accordingly, cutter edge 74 can be of a higher temperature than the corresponding edges of heater die arms 90, so that cutter edge 74 penetrates webs 12, 14 more easily than heat sealed die arms 90. Furthermore, the presence of PTFE layers 92 can serve to increase the temperature differential between cutter edge 74 and the temperature encountered at heat seals 33. Then, heater rod 82 can be adjusted to emit heat at such a degree that the desired temperature is provided at heat seals 33, and cutter edge 74 ~~than~~ then operates at a significantly higher temperature for better cutting action, while the three members 90, 74 that act upon the plastic sheeting are all heated from a single heater rod 82.